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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Lawrence E. Morrissey of Joliet, who passed away on January 8, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Morrissey was born in Joliet on July 19, 1936 to Margaret and Charles; he graduated from Cathedral of St. Raymond School, Joliet Catholic High School, the University of Illinois, and The John Marshall Law School; he served in the United States Marine Corps; and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Morrissey began his legal career in 1964 as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois and, in 1967, was appointed Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering section for the Northern District of Illinois; in 1969, he received a meritorious service award from United States Attorney General, Ramsey Clark, who credited him with helping disband the Chicago crime syndicate; in 1974, he opened his own practice in downtown Chicago while at the same time working at O'Brien, Garrison, Berard & Kusta, a Joliet law firm that he credited for the development of his civil litigation skills; and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Morrissey represented defendants in numerous high profile government probes and scandals, but his

1 real passion was providing representation to the less
2 fortunate, often on a pro bono basis; he took great pleasure in
3 helping people from all walks of life; and

4 WHEREAS, Lawrence Morrissey was preceded in death by his
5 parents and his nephew, Mark Ahmann; and

6 WHEREAS, Lawrence Morrissey is survived by his wife of 48
7 years, Kathleen (nee Landreman); his children, Dr. Lawrence
8 (Tamara), Charles (Susan), and William (Aleksandra); his 12
9 grandchildren, Elizabeth, Sarah, Colin, Charlie, Madeleine,
10 Allie, Teresa, Elliott, Klara, Joshua, Benjamin, and Brigita;
11 his sister, Rosemary (David) Ahmann; and many very special
12 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Lawrence E. Morrissey, and extend our sincere condolences to
16 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Lawrence Morrissey as an expression
20 of our deepest sympathy.